evolve appropriate monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure qualitative implementation of the programme.

Financial Implications: So far as the financial implications are concerned, the funds available from major central sources for 1986-87 are:

Programme	(Rs. Crores)
1. Social Forestry .	36
2. National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme earmarking for Social Forestry . .	219

Other allocations are partially available from Desert Development, Drought Prone Areas, Soil Conservation, Dryland Farming and other Programmes.

Besides, the States are expected to provide approximately Rs. 150 crores for the afforestation programme.

Improvement in the Indo-China relations

1235. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Indo-China relations have improved during the last one year;

(b) whether Government propose to take any special initiatives to further improve these relations; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Efforts to normalise and improve relations with the People's Republic of China continued during 1985. During the 6th Round of Official Level Talks held between India and China in November 1985, both sides commenced substantive discussions on the boundary question. A settlement of the question of Indian Embassy property in Beijing was reached. Programmes of cultural, scientific and technological exchanges in various fields of mutual interest were also finalised. A Trade Protocol between India and China was signed in November, 1985.

(b) and (c) Considerable preparatory work requires to be done and a proper atmosphere conducive to a final settlement of the boundary question has to be created before any special initiatives are undertaken.

Use of microprocessor technology in agriculture, medicine etc.

1236. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the Electronics Commission and the Planning Commission were keen on applying the micro-processor technology to vital areas like agriculture, medicines, communications, steel and mines, tests and measuring instruments and industrial controls etc.;

(b) if so, how much will be the Indian participation in the whole programme;

(c) whether the country has the necessary infrastructure for this purpose; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, whether the efforts will be made to develop the necessary infrastructure within the time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics has launched a project on Microprocessor Application Engineering Programme to promote the microprocessor technology in agriculture, medicine, com-

munication, steel and mines, test and measuring instruments and industrial control. For productivity improvement in agriculture through appropriate use of electronics, the Government is examining the feasibility of using portable microprocessor based kits for measuring soil characteristics, moisture content of seeds, etc. The possibility of making available such portable equipment to the educated self-employed is being explored so that they can promote the application of this technology through individual contact with and comprehensive service to farmers.

(b) The Department of Electronics has projected a total outlay of Rs. 18 crores for this programme for the Seventh Plan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Evaluation of nuclear weapons design of Pakistan by China

1237. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware that Pakistan scientists from a secret facility at Wah showed a nuclear weapon design to some Chinese physicists in late 1982 or 1983 and sought Chinese evaluation and the Chinese scientists confirmed that it would yield a nuclear plant, as reported in the "Washington Posts";

(b) whether the triggering mechanism for the Pakistan bomb design appears to be very similar to the one used by China in its fourth nuclear test;

(c) whether the Chinese scientific delegation has spent a substantial amount of time at centrifuge plant in Kahuta where Pakistan scientists were attempting to produce enriched uranium as China was assisting Pakistani secret nuclear programme; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the reaction of the Government of India in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (d) Government are concerned at the non-peaceful dimension of Pakistan nuclear programme and reports of Sino-Pak nuclear collaboration have been noted in this context. Government contines to keep a constant vigil over all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Letter received from London threatening lives of the Indians

1238. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a letter which reveals plans to assassinate a senior diplomat at the Indian High Commission and also conveyed threat to the life of the Prime Minister;

(b) whether the letter which was published in the Daily Mail of London on 30th January, 1986 made revelations regarding plans to assassinate a member of the Indian Cabinet, the President and 35 Hindu politicians;

(c) if so, what are the other points mentioned in the letter;

(d) whether India has approached authorities in London to take stern measures to curb the activities of extremists and also find out the culprits; and

(e) what further security measures have been taken to check their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have seen reports that the DAILY MAIL in London received such a letter.

(b) The Daily Mail published extracts of the letter received in the matter.

(c) The letter contains threats to destroy important Indian monuments and scientific institutions.